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Attorney Docket No. 1381/3/2

First Inventor Edward Lee Bryan

Title See 1 in Addendum

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 34]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 15]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

- a. ~~Not yet executed~~ (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Washington, DC 20231

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other Check for \$572.00

18. If a CONTINUATING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. _____ / _____

Prior application information: Examiner _____

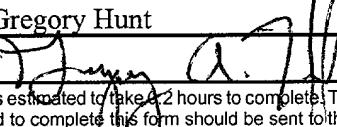
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For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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Group Art Unit	Not Assigned
Attorney Docket No.	1381/3/2

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	370.00
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 370.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	28	-20** =	8	Fee from below	9	=	72
Independent Claims	3	- 3** =	0				0
Multiple Dependent							

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

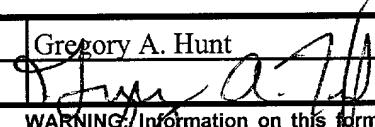
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130.00
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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Addendum

1. METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DEFINING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION ALERTS

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DEFINING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION ALERTS
Our File No. 1381/3/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. A U.S. patent application for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DEFINING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION ALERTS (34 pages);
2. Five (5) sheets of formal drawings;
3. Ten (10) sheets of color drawings, 3 sets;
4. Petition to Accept Color Drawings;
5. Unexecuted Declaration (3 pages);
6. Fee Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/17) in duplicate;
7. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/05, 2 pages);
8. A check in the amount of \$572.00 to cover the application filing fee;

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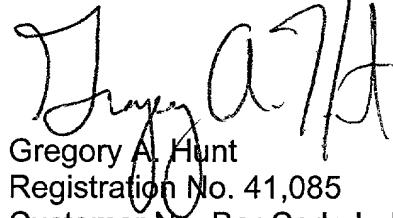
9. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp thereon; and
10. A Certificate of Express Mail No.: EL863577777US.

Please contact our offices if there are any questions.

Although a check is being submitted, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bryan, Edward Lee; Bennet, David Tracy; Zobel, Jr., Richard Wayne; Bell, Donald John; and Guilbaud, Vincent Jacques Francois

Application No.: Not Assigned

Group No.: Not Assigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: Not Assigned

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DEFINING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION ALERTS

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Deputy Commissioner for Patents

PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS (37 C.F.R. section 1.84(a)(2) AND (b)(2))

1. This petition is for the acceptance of color drawings (37 C.F.R. section 1.84(a)(2)).
2. Attached hereto are three (3) sets of color drawings.
3. Please amend the specification, by inserting the following language as the first paragraph of the specification beginning a brief description of the drawings (page 7, line 13).

"The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of necessary fee."

4. The reason(s) for the need for color drawings in this application is/are as follows:

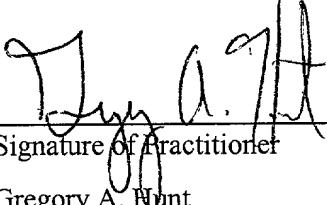
The invention includes graphical user interfaces that allow individuals to define schedules and information alerts. Color is necessary to illustrate how individuals use these interfaces to define schedules and information alerts.

5. The petition fee required to waive the requirements of section 1.84 (37 C.F.R. section 1.17(i)) is paid as follows:

Attached is a check for the sum of \$130
A duplicate of this petition is attached.

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